

qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 351, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Robert has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Robert has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Robert Alan Wilbur for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

**PAYING TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER  
GENERAL RANDALL E. SAYRE**

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 25, 2006*

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Brigadier General Randall E. Sayre, who is retiring as the Commander of the Nevada Army National Guard.

General Sayre has had a long and distinguished career. General Sayre earned his Commission through Army ROTC at the University of Nevada, Reno, graduating in 1975 with a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice. Over the next 2 decades, General Sayre served in a number of different capacities: his initial tour of duty was in Korea, serving as an Aviation Operations Officer; he also served tours of active duty as a pilot, commander and instructor pilot. In 1981, General Sayre was transferred to the Nevada Army National Guard, where he first served as an Evacuation Pilot with the 1150th Medical Detachment based out of Reno, and subsequently as a Section Leader, Flight Operations Officer, and Detachment Commander. General Sayre also served as Battalion Commander of the 151st Battalion, 113th Aviation, based in Reno, Nevada and as Deputy Commander, Nevada Army National Guard. In February 2003, General Sayre was appointed Commander, Nevada Army National Guard and Assistant Adjutant General for the State of Nevada. In this role, he was responsible for all policies, programs and plans for the Nevada Army National Guard.

Over the course of his long career, General Sayre has also earned a number of accolades. He has been awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (with 7 oak leaf clusters), and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, and the Legion of Merit, along with many others.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the career of Brigadier General Randall E. Sayre. His long and illustrious record of service to his country shows that he is a true patriot and American hero. I thank him for his service and wish him the best in his retirement.

**TRIBUTE TO VETERANS ON  
MEMORIAL DAY**

**HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 25, 2006*

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, Memorial Day weekend offers many Americans the opportunity to spend much needed time with friends and family, as well as a break from the routine and hustle and bustle of everyday life. This weekend, as we gather for cookouts, take advantage of holiday sales and welcome the arrival of summer, we should refocus our attention and recognize the day's true purpose. This is a national day of thanks, remembrance, and tribute.

Thanks for the gift of safety offered by our Nation's veterans. Remembrance for those who have fought and died for our freedom. And tribute to the men and women whose service in our armed forces has secured America's future.

Set aside as a yearly reminder to be proud of the soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines who have accepted our security as their duty, Memorial Day is a unique celebration of both life and death. Recognized by all Americans, regardless of race, religion, or ethnicity, Memorial Day is a national holiday dedicated to celebrating the lives of our fallen soldiers by honoring their memory.

Throughout our history, we have met and overcome each threat to our sovereignty and way of life with dignity. While our forces overseas and at home are engaged in a Global War on Terror, this Memorial Day is all made the more poignant by the nature of our enemy. Islamo-fascists committed to the destruction of our Nation and our way of life should clearly remind all Americans that it is our solemn duty to honor the brave men and women in uniform who are fighting to secure the future of American generations. Through their sacrifice, Americans yet unborn will know greater peace, prosperity, and hope.

Giving what President Lincoln called the last full measure of devotion, the sacrifice of America's armed forces has secured more than two centuries of liberty. Today, we honor those who have given their lives so our freedom could endure. Our commitment to the men and women of our Armed Forces should reflect their dedication to us all.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. JOHN LINDER**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 25, 2006*

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast rollcall votes 194–206 on May 24, 2006, because I was unavoidably detained on official business in the Seventh Congressional District of Georgia, at a constituent policy event on fundamental tax reform. Had I been present I would have cast the following votes: On rollcall No. 194, I would have voted "aye"; On rollcall No. 195, I would have voted "aye"; On rollcall No. 196, I would have voted "aye"; On rollcall No. 197, I would have voted "no"; On rollcall No. 198, I would have voted "no"; On rollcall No. 199, I would have voted "no"; On

rollcall No. 200, I would have voted "no"; On rollcall No. 201, I would have voted "no"; On rollcall No. 202, I would have voted "no"; On rollcall No. 203, I would have voted "aye"; On rollcall No. 204, I would have voted "no"; On rollcall No. 205, I would have voted "no"; On rollcall No. 206, I would have voted "aye."

**HONORING HILARI COHEN**

**HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 25, 2006*

Mrs. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend a dynamic educator, Hilari Cohen, from my home State of New York. For the past 7 years, Ms. Cohen has served on the Jericho Board of Education, and is the longest serving school board president in the district's history.

During Mrs. Cohen's tenure on the Board of Education, Jericho has achieved a great deal. Here are just some of the things she has accomplished: expanded the middle/high school complex, introduced an elementary school world language exploratory program, introduced a middle school intramural program, instituted anti-bullying and character education programs, implemented a Social Emotional Literacy program, created an Industry Advisory Board, began a Public Access Defibrillation program, which includes the training of all coaches and administrators in first aid and Automatic External Defibrillation, expanded guidance, psychologist and social worker positions on all grade levels, developed a District wide Safety Team, named among the 100 Best Communities in America for Music Education, implemented paperless communication between the school and home, and improved the Regent's Diploma rate from 80% in 1999 to 100% in 2005.

She has been honored by the Council of Administrators and Supervisors for her outstanding leadership and contributions to the Jericho School District. Her colleagues have said her role as the Board President over the past 7 years has been pivotal to success of the district. Ms. Cohen has worked tirelessly and selflessly to ensure that students get an educational program beyond compare. She truly believes in success for every student.

I am proud to honor this distinguished and accomplished educator, Ms. Hilari Cohen.

**JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE  
MONTH**

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 25, 2006*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank Representative Debbie Wasserman Schultz for her hard work on behalf recognizing Mayas Jewish American Heritage month and to express my gratitude to the President for his proclamation making May Jewish American Heritage Month.

After the burning of the Second Temple and the final dispersion of the Jews from Zion, people of Jewish heritage have settled in every corner of the world. There are Jews in